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THE BUFFALO VERDICT

After weeks of inquiry or rather inquisition into the private life of all who were in any possible manner connected with the murder of Edwin L. Burdick and the consequent stirring up of an exceedingly muddy puddle, Justice Murphy has rendered a decision that is as clear as the puddle. He finds that Mr. Burdick is dead and so is Pennell and his wife. In probably no other community could such a travesty on justice have been enacted. The State of New York has by a recent law dispensed with the Coroner's inquest and substituted an examination before a police magistrate with the District Attorney as a prosecutor, but with no proper restrictions and protections to accused persons. Given this law, a justice yearning for notoriety and a District Attorney new to his office and the Burdick inquiry is the result. It was entirely within the province of the justice to examine into the facts to ascertain if Mrs. Burdick were accessory either before or after the fact. But it certainly could do no public good to read and spread upon the records for everyone else to read the letters of a weak woman to a man who had won her illicit regard.

While the court of inquiry has resulted in no good and it is probable that no one will be tried for the murder, the court of public opinion has rendered its verdict and inflicted a severe penalty. The publicity given by the newspapers of many states has served as a warning to any man or woman who is surrounded with respectability and the advantages of social life who has been tempting fate by leading double lives. None of this class but has shuddered daily at the thought that the same punishment might be measured out to him or his life or death. This publicity, while in many respects harmful to public morals, is a great deterrent against social crimes. Many a man or woman who would not hesitate before the disgrace of a divorce court, where the evidence is private and the verdict soon forgotten, will hesitate, when before the eyes of millions of readers is spread the glaring headline, announcing to the public the shame, and disgrace, naked and bare, meted out to another for the offence of which he or she is alike guilty.

OUR EXPORT TRADE

"The head of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce at Washington sounds a warning to the manufacturers of this country. He calls attention to the fact that our export trade is less than it was two years ago, and says that it is necessary for the manufacturers to realize that their goods are not to continue to be sold on their merits alone as they have been doing.

"The foreign manufacturers have awakened to the fact that the use of America, machinery makes it possible for them to make and sell goods in competition with those formerly shipped from this country, and they make them cheaper.

"Germany has for many years, in spite of the tariff, been selling tones of goods here marked 'made in Germany.' And this trade is growing while our export trade is falling off. In order to secure an outlet for our excess of production over and above what we need at home it is necessary for the manufacturers here to keep their agents at work drumming up trade abroad. We must be aggressive in the matter of foreign trade if the export business is to amount to anything.

"The prosperity in this country means an increased production and in time an overproduction. It will take many years to make the consuming capacity of this country, equal to the capacity of home production. And the capacity of the home consumption is being lessened by the growth of the foreign trade here. The tariff act does not prevent the importation of foreign-made goods, and Germany is increasing its exports to the United States in a manner that shows the possibilities of cheap labor when in competition with the higher-priced labor in this country. The manufacturers here must exert themselves to

introduce their goods in the foreign markets if they expect to continue to hold foreign trade. The warning has been sounded before, and it is well that renewed attention is being called to the matter.—Morning News.

DELAWARE CITY

Mrs. Donnell, of Newark, spent Monday in town.
Mr. Hutchinson, of Dover, spent Monday in town.
Miss Nora Ford spent Monday in Wilmington.
George B. Mooney has returned from Philadelphia.
Dr. Hallett, of Wilmington, spent Saturday in town.
Herbert Heisel, of St. Georges, was in town recently.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rose spent Monday at Odesa.
Harry Warren, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday in town.
Mrs. Samuel Hines has returned from a visit to Hockessin.
Miss Sara Milligan, of St. Georges, spent Monday in town.
Miss Agnes Vail, of Dutch Neck, is visiting Miss Julia Sadler.
Mrs. Evans Hemphill and son are visiting Philadelphia friends.
William Hearn, of Wilmington, has been at home the past week sick.
Miss Ada Pennington, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Martha Janvier.
Mr. Taylor and Mr. George, of Virginia, are visiting friends in town.
Miss Alice Vail has returned from a several months' visit to Philadelphia.
Mrs. William A. Jester has returned from a two weeks' visit to Philadelphia.
Henry Higgins, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his brother, John Higgins.
Miss Bessie Mills, of Wilmington, spent Monday with Miss Annie Hunter.
Messrs. William A. Jester and Samuel Vail have returned from a trip to Maryland.
Miss Marguerite O'Neil has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Smith, of Kirkwood.
Miss Elizabeth Wiese has returned to her home in New Castle, after a visit to Miss Nora Ford.
Miss Meredith, who has been visiting Mrs. Charles Shearer, has returned to her home in Clayton.
Elsworth Longland, of Wilmington, who has been visiting William Reybold on a gunning trip, has returned home.
Joseph Lippincott, who has been visiting in town for several days, has returned to his home in Atlantic City.
Miss Hanna Swan has returned to Philadelphia after spending some days with her mother, who has been quite ill.
Mrs. William Walker, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beck, has returned home.
The Rev. and Mr. V. P. Northrup spent a few days in town after their return from Conference before going to their new charge, in Clayton.

STATE HOSPITAL

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst Thursday morning, the report of Superintendent Harker showed the population of the hospital to be 190 males and 134 females, a total of 324; admitted during the month of March, 7 males, 3 females; died, 2 males, 2 females; discharged, 1 male, 1 female; attendants resigned, William K. Mason, N. Canfield, Miss Mattie Nace; attendants hired, Frank Littleton, Melissa Tindler, Ida Williamson. Received for the board of patients \$617.68.
The Odesa Creamery Co., was given the contract for butter at 25 cents per pound. The contract for ice to be supplied to November 15th, was awarded to the Diamond Ice Co., of Wilmington, at \$185.

The committee on buildings and grounds was authorized to have the house and ward telephones placed in repair.

Architect Rogers was present and explained the progress on the new tuberculosis hospital and stated that he thought that it would be ready for occupancy about the latter part of May, unless some unusually severe weather should set in and delay the work.

A visit of the several wards was made by the entire board and everything was found in first-class order.

CAMP CAMP

Dr. E. W. Cooper, president of the Camden Union Camp Ground Association, has received a proposal from a religious association, which wants to conduct a camp meeting at the historic grounds next summer.

While the Methodists of this Peninsula have practically abandoned the camp meeting grounds, they seem to be regaining the leasing of the place to any other organization, as the property has been deeded to them, and they expect to again hold camp meetings in the grove. The lack of transportation facilities has caused interest in the camp meetings to lag, the lack used to convey the travelers proving inadequate to the big crowds of visitors. Here is where the people of Kent County greatly need a trolley line, and look with regret at the unfinished track which is laid from Dover almost to the camp grounds. The track was laid under the Addicks charter, and the road would require only a little more expenditure to be put in working order between the two towns of Dover and Camden.

STOCKING DELAWARE WITH GAME BIRD

The Delaware Game Protective Association has bought an expense of about \$6 a pair twenty-five pairs of quail pheasants from Oregon for the purpose of stocking the State. The pheasants were first brought to this country in 1881 from China. They are unusually hardy and are expected to take the place of quail which is no longer possible to get with which to restore the State. The birds just secured were placed in the hands of Edward Hart, Townsend, D. O. Moore, Laurel, C. B. Honston, Millsboro; M. H. White, Seaford; L. N. Mills, Clayton; H. A. Culbreth, Dover; T. W. Reed, Elkland; P. J. Hart, Georgetown; W. R. Cochran, Middletown; John H. Todd, Greenwood; Henry Davis, Milford; and Ida Marvel of Georgetown.

SASSAPARILLA ITEMS

Everyone is getting ready for Easter. Little Miss Annie Sylvester is quite sick with the measles.
Mr. John F. Ernest visited Middletown on Wednesday.
Mr. Jacob T. Shaller was in Blanker, Md., on Saturday last.
Apples are unusually plentiful and prices are quite reasonable.
We are pleased to state Mr. Hampton Johns is able to be out again.
Mr. Alexander T. Laws visited Chestertown relatives Sunday and Monday.
It is said the markets are full of bananas and yet they sell for 2 for 5 cents.
Many here regret to learn of the death of Mr. George W. Megee, of Cecilton.
Mrs. J. McLain Brown and Miss Hattie Day spent Thursday with Mrs. Henry Rosin.
Mr. Robert S. Griffith left Wednesday for Pocomoke City to attend conference as a delegate.
Mrs. A. P. Emerson, of Fairlee, is being entertained by her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston.
Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, was entertained by her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest, Wednesday.
The sixteenth annual convention of the Delaware Sunday School Workers will begin at Lewes on April 16th.
Miss Estella VanDyke and Miss Mary Money, of Townsend, were entertained by Miss Mamie Pearce Thursday.
County Commissioner Lewis P. Atwell and sister, Miss Edith, visited relatives in and near Chestertown Tuesday.
Mr. Stephen Boyer who has been confined to his room for some weeks, we are pleased to state is much improved.

The Farmers' Club met at the home of Mr. W. D. Pennington in lower Kent on Thursday last, with full attendance.

Mrs. Stephen H. Ford, of Ford's Landing, is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jeans, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Davis, of the Levels, are visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Cleaver, near Kenndeville.

The duck shooting season on the Squehanna flats closed Monday, while shooting from blinds along the shore may be continued until April 10th.

York, Pa., capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of certain properties near Rising Sun, with a view of establishing an extensive iron mining business.

Mr. James W. Robertson, retiring State Councilor of the J. O. U. A. M., was presented with a handsome silver service by the State Council in Wilmington on Tuesday evening.

Rev. J. McLain Brown, of Warwick, preached an eloquent sermon in the M. P. Rehoboth Church last Sunday to a large congregation. We all feel sorry to lose Mr. Brown. He expects to preach his last here on Easter Sunday.

The death of Rachel A., wife of Mr. William Ford, of near Chestertown, on Thursday night last was very sad indeed. Mrs. Ford lived all her early life before her marriage near Glasgow, Del., where her father, the late David Ford, owned a fine farm and was an influential farmer. Mrs. Ford was one of the most lovely characters, always bright and cheerful and anxious to make others happy, never thinking of self. She leaves one of the kindest and most devoted of husbands, two daughters, Mrs. William Clough, and Miss Susie B. Ford, and one son, David B. Ford, all of Chestertown. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Barr and Miss Susie Ford, of Philadelphia, and three brothers, William and James Ford, of Glasgow, and David B. Ford, of Newark, Del. Mrs. Ford had been suffering for the past five weeks, and although everything that loving hands and skilled physicians could do was done, she passed peacefully away on Thursday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from her late residence; interment being made in St. Paul's Cemetery, near Chestertown.

Middletown Directory.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.
President, William B. Cochran; Secretary, George G. Rowe; Charles H. Howell, J. F. McWhorter.

BANKS.
Peoples National Bank—President, Geo. M. D. Hart; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph B. Cochran; Cashier, John H. Todd; Tellers, David A. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.
Middletown Council, No. 2, J. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Demon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welsh Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. Meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.
Voorhees Home Company meets first Friday night of each month in Home House.

THE CHURCHES.
Bethesda M. E. Church—Rev. C. T. Wyatt, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 11 a. m. G. O. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official board meeting first Friday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday morning class, 9:30. Louis Pennington, leader. Tuesday night class, 7:30. The pastor, Wednesday morning at 7:30 a. m. G. O. Cox.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30. Sabbath school will be held every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. J. Fletcher Drakey, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Pentecost Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor meets every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 8 p. m.

St. Anna's Protestant Episcopal Church—Rev. W. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10:30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7:30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. On all Holy Days service at 12:30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 12:30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 12:30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 12:30 p. m.

The rector conducts service in Odesa in the room under the Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month at four o'clock, and at St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at half past three.

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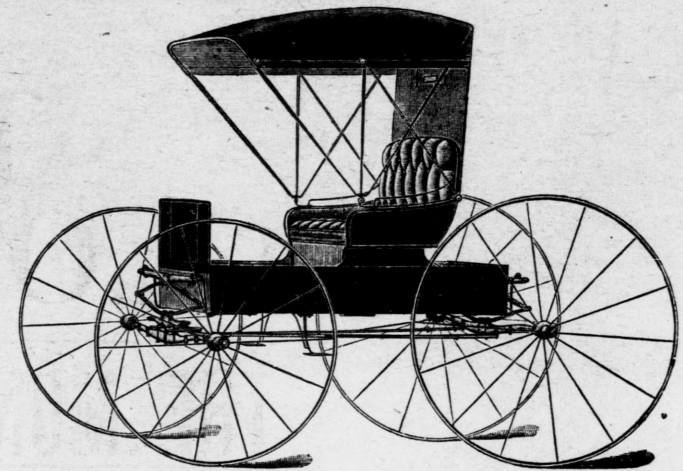
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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.
South Bound—1.40, 3.40, 5.40, 7.40, 9.40 and 11.40 a. m.
3.30, 4.40 and 7.40 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.55 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.10 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—3.10 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—3.30 a. m., 1.40 p. m., 6.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Marlville and Sussex—7.40 a. m.

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Local News.

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Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

The Sunday school at Armstrong's Corner will re-open to-morrow, (Sunday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The members and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present.

We have on hand or will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once. J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

Our town fathers have decided to place several new lights on Main and Broad streets. This will add greatly to the appearance of the business section of the town, and at the same time give us better lighted streets.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 26th: Mrs. Annie Couts, E. R. Clayton, Lewis Crossland, Edward Robbins, William Fletcher Wheeler, Samuel Wilson.

The Delaware Conference closed its session at Pocomoke City, Md., Monday. The Rev. J. R. Brown who has just closed a most successful year as pastor of Dales M. E. Church returns for another year, which is very gratifying to his congregation.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the large ad. on the first page of to-day's issue of the Globe Clothing Store. Mr. Rosenberg has just returned from New York where he bought a large quantity of spring and summer clothing, and tells his own story in his new ad.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "The Danger of Indifference." Hag. 12; Heb. 2:1-3; Jude 3:23-21. Leader, Mr. Enoch G. Allen.

"Dr. Robert A. Conneys, formerly of Middletown, who for the past three years has been engaged in the practice of dentistry at Newark, Del., has purchased the office and practice of Dr. J. Allen Johnson, of Smyrna, and will take up his professional duties in the new field, in a day or two.—Smyrna Times.

On the close of the 31st sun, Warm Moon, 12 members of Seneca Tribe, No. 44, I. O. R. M., of this town, visited Minnehaha Tribe, No. 23, of Newark, and participated in the adoption of a class of 45 pale faces. The boys were royally entertained and returned home in the wee hours of the morning.

The new dwelling being erected by Mr. George V. Peverly west of the railroad is nearing completion, and will be occupied by Mr. John Goldborough who has rented the land. New stables and other outbuildings will also be erected, and when all is completed Mr. Peverly will own one of the finest small farms in this section.

The young men of Middletown have completed all arrangements for their Easter dance to be given in the Opera House, Friday evening, April 17th. About 250 invitations will be sent out next Monday, and we are informed by one of the committee that this dance will surpass all former efforts, and a very large crowd will be in attendance.

A slight fire was discovered in the stables of Mrs. John Green, who resides near the Volunteer Home Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The origin of the blaze which was discovered in some saw in one of the stalls is unknown, but the supposition is that some boys had been smoking in the stable. The firemen had but little difficulty in extinguishing the flames.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Edith Wilson spent Wednesday in Smyrna.

Mrs. Harris McDowell spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Walter Webb, of Wilmington, was in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson were in Philadelphia Friday.

Mr. Warren Elliott, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Bessie Foraker is entertaining her cousin, Miss Florence Bell, of Dover.

Miss Lida A. McNamee, of North East, Md., is visiting Mrs. Ella Penington.

Miss Eliza Hurn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neff, near town.

Mrs. Joseph Biggs and daughter, Miss Jodie, are visiting relatives in New York.

Rumer says we are to have a church wedding in the near future. Who can it be?

Mr. W. F. Metten, of the Every Evening, Wilmington, was in town Wednesday.

Messrs. F. P. Bradley and John R. Crouch were in the Quaker City Thursday.

Mr. Edgar Boggs, of Cheswick, was the guest of Miss Estella Sydnor on Saturday.

Mrs. William Hall and children have returned from a visit to her parents in Odessa.

Miss Myrtle Berry spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Julian Jones, near Kenndyville.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson left Monday for Atlantic City, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alern and son Eugene, spent Sunday with relatives at Blackbird.

Miss Hattie Cullen spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Sybilla Jones at Cambridge, Md.

Mrs. F. H. Scholter and daughter, of Elkton, visited Miss Martha Heaton on Wednesday.

Mrs. Leslie Schreits and daughter, Miss Jeannette, visited Wilmington and Newport Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. A. Lingo, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Catherine Merritt.

Miss Anna Adams, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Sarah L. Jolls several days this week.

Mrs. William Clark, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Annie Gallagher, this week.

Mrs. Lena Smith and Miss Annie Renzie, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William B. Kates.

Mr. John Jolls, son of Register in Chancery Joseph C. Jolls, will enter Goldsey's College Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Bratton, of Lambertville, N. J., left Monday after a brief pleasant visit with Mrs. Albert Price.

Mrs. Edward Dare left last Saturday for Lancaster, Pa., where she will make an extended visit with her parents.

Frank J. Waller, of Princes Anne, Md., has accepted a position as prescription pharmacist with Dr. G. B. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denny, of Vermonth, have been visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Denny, on North Broad street.

Mr. Richard Hanson, of New York City, spent Thursday with his grandfather, Mr. R. T. Cochran, on Green street.

Mrs. Katherine Leatherberry and sisters, Misses Jennie and Elsie Jones, attended the Sewall wedding at Clayton Tuesday.

Miss Dora Price has returned home after spending several weeks with friends in Cambridge and other towns on the Eastern Shore.

Misses Elizabeth Holten and Lilly Carly attended the entertainment given by the Mask and Wig Club, of Delaware College at Smyrna on Wednesday evening.

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have attained the average of 90 per cent, or better for the month of March:

DEPARTMENT NO. 1.—W. J. Bickett, B. grade, 10th year—Maudie Deakne, Emma Kelley, Mary Lewis, George Allen, Grover Bender. C. grade, 9th year—Victor Jones, Harvey Voshell, Helen Davis, Prudence Lewis, Anna Denny, Viola Downey.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2.—Miss Ida Howell, A. grade, 8th year—Helen Rose, Emily Allee, Lillian Walker, Susan Arthur, Joseph Parker, Isaac Gibbs, Daisy Bender. B. grade, 7th year—Jennie Metten, Florence Blome, Reece Darlington, Lydia Dockety, William Voshell.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3.—Mrs. Ida McCreone, A. grade, 6th year—Joseph Walker, Mary Richards, B. grade, 5th year—Estella Beaton, Elsie Boulden, Helen Biggs.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4.—Miss Maxwell, A. grade, 4th year—Lola Carroll, Nellie Pyle, Bertha Whitlock, Lena Weber, Elma Deakne, Joseph Griffith. B. grade, 3d year—Mabel Dawson, Rubie Whitlock, Rupert Bursten, John Hofferker, Charles Smith, Harry DeValinger, Lolla Ingram, Della Mehlberg. Addition to grade A, Leah Berkman.

DEPARTMENT NO. 5.—Miss Hall, A. grade, 3d year—Helen McDowell, Jennie Gallagher, Irene Reed, Frank Richards, Herbert Pyle, William Eliason, Harry Jones, Horace Whitlock. B. grade, 1st year—Benajah Jewell, Burton Hall, Carl Jones, Alexander Berkman, Alexander Baris.

BOHEMIA MAJOR ITEMS

Mr. William Berry is a Wilmington visitor.

Mr. William Berry was in Delaware City on Thursday.

Mr. J. B. Clark, of Delaware City, was a Bohemia Manor visitor on Saturday.

Mr. William Stubbs lost a valuable horse one day this week of spinal meningitis.

Mrs. William Bolton and daughter, Miss Ella spent part of this week with Wilmington friends.

The home of Mr. William Stubbs, at St. Augustine, is being greatly improved by wainscoting, etc.

Miss Myrtle Berry spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Julian Jones, near Kenndyville.

Mr. William Stubbs has in his possession four wild geese and one wild duck which he is keeping for decoy.

Mr. William Rhoades, of near Middletown, formerly of Bohemia Manor, is very ill of typhoid pneumonia.

James L. Shepherd.

SPRING BRIDES

RATLEDGE-CLEAVER

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius G. Cleaver, near Middletown, on Thursday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock, when their daughter, Lillian Emma, was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest Martindale Ratledge, of Edge Moor, by the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, this town. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, beautifully rendered by Miss Lena H. Pleasanton, the bride party entered the parlor, which had been handsomely decorated in honor of the event. The ceremony was performed under a floral bell suspended from the center of an arch of evergreen and white carnations. The bride was becomingly gowned in white Paris mullin, with veil, caught up with lilies of the valley, and carried white carnations and maiden hair fern, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Howard D. Ratledge, of State Road, as matron of honor, who was attired in white Persian lawn, and carried white carnations. Miss Emma B. Eccles, of Odessa, cousin of the groom, was maid of honor, and was attired in white Persian lawn, and carried pink carnations. The matron of honor was preceded by two little girls, Misses Bertha Ratledge, niece of the groom, and Eliza Cleaver, sister of the bride, dressed in white, carrying baskets of pink and white carnations. The groom was attended by Mr. Julian G. Cleaver, brother of the bride, both wearing the conventional black. After the ceremony the guests, numbering about sixty, were invited to the dining-room where a bountiful collation was served. Owing to the sad and sudden death of Mr. John B. Cates recently, a near relative of the groom, the wedding was a quiet one, only the near relatives being present. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Ratledge will reside in Edge Moor, and the best wishes of their many friends follow them to their new home.

SEVIL-SHORT

A pretty home wedding was solemnized in Clayton at 1.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ford, when Miss Fannie Sprance Short was united in marriage with Mr. Herman Nathan Sevil, member of the firm of A. Sevil & Sons. The house was beautifully decorated for the happy occasion, and the ceremony was performed in the parlor where an altar had been erected beneath a canopy from the top of which were suspended two hearts. The bride and groom, preceded by the bridesmaid, Miss Edna Sevil, of Clayton, and the groomsmen, Mr. James Russell, of Wilmington, marched to the parlor from the second floor and were met at the altar by Rev. J. E. Smith, of Philadelphia, who pronounced them man and wife.

ODESSA NOTES

Mr. Corbit Vinyard was a Wilmington visitor Wednesday.

Miss Katherine Kumpel is visiting relatives in New Jersey.

Miss Martha Evans is the guest of Mrs. Jester at Delaware City.

Mrs. G. E. Coggage is visiting her son in Wilmington this week.

Misses Amelia Mulberger and Lulu Vinyard are visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Brady, of Middletown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Watkins.

Mrs. Carrie Appleton has returned from a visit with friends at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Rev. J. M. Arters who has been visiting his father at Smyrna has returned home.

Miss Bertha Stevens and brother, Pearson, are visiting their sister, near Bedford, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rhodes and children, of Summit Bridge, spent Sunday with their parents.

Miss Emma Eccles attended the Cleaver and Ratledge wedding near Middletown on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Perkins and daughter, of New Hampshire, were the guests of Miss Cornelia Townsend over Sunday.

The Watkins Packing Co., started up full force on Monday morning, making cans for the coming canning season.

Mrs. J. B. Catts and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. William Eccles part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and son, of Chester, Pa., who have been the guests of her mother have returned to their home.

The entertainment given by the Buck Dramatic Club on Saturday night of last week was well attended and much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Clayton Cleaver and family attended the wedding of Miss Lillian Cleaver and Mr. Ernest Ratledge near Middletown on Thursday night.

Mr. O. C. Stevens who has been spending sometime with his mother, left last week for the Southern States, where he will represent a Philadelphia firm.

Another fire occurred on the farm tenanted by Mr. George Roemer last Saturday afternoon. The granary, carriage house and some small buildings were burned. The house caught on fire but was put out before doing much damage. This is the second fire on the same farm in less than a week, causing Mr. Roemer much loss. During the fire Mr. Roemer was taken very sick but at this writing is somewhat better.

FISHING AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY

A report of the United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries shows figures relative to the industry in Delaware that are surprising. It is far more important than many people suppose, as the following items will show: Number of men employed in fishing, 1,998; vessels and outfit, 27; valued at \$71,447; boats, 910; valued at \$29,901; seines valued at \$9,091; number of barrels of claims caught last year, 1,025; valued at \$1,203; number of barrels of oysters, 96,900; valued at \$40,290; shore and accessory property, \$352,086; cash capital, \$216,900; total amount invested, \$657,197.

There are hundreds of thousands of pounds of fish caught and sold every year, and the industry is growing, and each season more people and boats are employed.

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WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Jr. Endeavor prayer meeting next Sunday at 2 P. M.

Mrs. E. H. Holden is sojourning in Baltimore, Md.

L. P. King and wife were callers in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vinyard were callers in town Sunday.

Mrs. B. S. Hall was the guest of Mrs. H. M. Eaton last Sunday.

Miss Helen Eaton, of Odessa, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Daniels, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. T. C. Lynch last Sunday.

Mr. D. W. Wilson spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Mrs. Edward Lynch, of Elkton, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Mrs. Jennie Goldborough who has been confined to her room is able to be out.

Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard was the guest of Mrs. J. B. Stephens near Cecilton last Friday.

Mr. Amos Wilson has moved from his residence on Main street to the Hotel property.

Miss Belle B. Lofland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. R. Manlove near Middletown, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ginn, of near Odessa, were the guests of the Rev. J. M. Brown and wife last Friday.

Mr. R. Delbert Aiken, of Delaware City, Del., was a pleasant visitor to our town for two days last week.

The Rev. James MacLain Brown is at Pocomoke City where the Maryland Annual Conference is in session.

Miss May Smith, of Cecilton, who has been the guest of her brother, Mr. J. R. Smith returned to her home last Sunday.

Miss Mary E. Stephens, of Cecilton, was entertained at the home of Miss Ethel Vinyard last Friday and Saturday.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting next Sunday evening at 7 P. M. Topic: "What the Parable of the Good Samaritan Teaches us." Luke 10:30-37.

The Junior Christian Endeavor held their monthly business and social at the parsonage last Friday night. Mrs. J. M. Brown as usual did everything to make this the star celebration.

Quite a surprise was given Miss L. Vinyard last Friday evening by the young people of this town. The evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments were served and the company departed for their respective homes.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Robert Reiley has moved his family to Philadelphia.

Miss Mollie Richards spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. William Alderson.

Miss Minnie Messick is visiting relatives and friends at Dover and Wyoming, Del.

Miss Alice Watts, of Townsend, Del., spent the past week with relatives in town.

Mrs. Miley Lusby is spending a few days with her son, James Lusby, near town.

Messrs. E. S. Short and J. F. Watts spent a few days of this week in Baltimore.

Miss Leila McCoy has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Miss Frances Griffith entertained Miss Myrtle Templeman on Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Gura, Lizzie and Mary Anderson were the guests of relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. Dallas Manlove spent a few days of the past week with his cousin, Thomas Boulden.

Miss Daisy Hoover is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pierce spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Pierce, of Blacks.

George W. Mege, one of our best-known citizens, died of paralysis on Wednesday morning at his home here.

Miss Johnson, of Earlville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Townsend, at the parsonage.

Misses Nellie Brockson, Lena Buckworth and Samuel Buckworth, of the Manor, spent Sunday with Miss Hylie Boulden.

Rev. G. W. Townsend was given a farewell surprise on Friday evening last and his many friends presented him with a handsome chiffonier. He will be succeeded by W. A. Dawson.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Prof. H. K. McCabe spent Sunday with Newark friends.

Prof. D. B. Jones was in Delaware City Wednesday.

J. S. and W. Lattimore are building an addition to their store.

Mrs. D. P. Hutcheson who has been seriously ill is convalescing.

Mrs. Edward Hart and daughter Norma, visited Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Voshell, of Smyrna, visited friends in Townsend last week.

Miss Katie Hutchison spent Sunday with Mrs. Everett Rose, of Odessa.

Mr. James Wilson spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Daniel Wilson.

Miss Bessie Merritt, of Warwick, Md., was entertained by Miss Bessie Phillips several days this week.

Miss Maud Castle, of Riverton, N. J., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. B. W. Hutchison near town.

Miss Blanche Mitchell and Miss Minnie Gale who have been visiting Mr. W. W. Lynum have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lindale, of Queen Anne, Md., spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Donovan.

Mr. J. P. Pritchard who opened a blacksmith shop in St. Georges sometime ago, moved his family there on Thursday.

Mr. W. C. Williams, assistant superintendent of the New Jersey Children's Home, gave a talk Sunday evening on the work of the home, in the Townsend M. E. Church.

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Messrs. Bennett and Groome Steele visited Baltimore last week.

Mrs. Anna Hopper has returned from a trip to Philadelphia and New York.

Miss Mary Wyatt, of Wilmington, is spending some-time with her aunt, Mrs. William Barwick.

Mrs. M. E. Howard and Miss Mary Howard spent Friday with Elktion friends.

Mr. Frank Conrey, of Philadelphia, was in town Friday.

Mrs. D. P. Boudien spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Durey Dunlap, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his wife here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. John Banks spent one day last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Oakley Barwick visited Philadelphia last week.

Harry Lloyd, of Wilmington, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Dallas Loveless.

Mrs. Fannie Ford, of Elkton, visited her mother, Mrs. Eli Ford Monday.

Mrs. Harry Pierce visited Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Jones, of Cayot, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Catharine Loraine.

Mr. Harry Bristow, of Wilmington, is spending a few days with his family.

Mrs. Mary Miller visited Elkton Saturday.

The officials of the Tennis Trolley Co., were in town on Wednesday looking over the proposed trolley line.

Miss Carrie Davenport, a trained nurse, is critically ill at a Philadelphia hospital, having been operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. Frederick Beiswanger's duck farm is quite an interesting place just now the ducks are hatching and in ten weeks will be ready for market.

Mr. J. M. Osborne, the canner, is making preparation to pack fish, the vats to salt them in are being built and the packing will begin as soon as they are completed.

Mrs. Annie Hallman, wife of Mr. Samuel Hallman, died on Friday, of consumption. She leaves two sons, Ernest and Ray. The funeral was held on Monday with interment at Bethel Cemetery.

The "Daughters of America" entertained Mrs. Bachman Deputy, State Councilor of Maryland. The evening was concluded by an entertainment at the home of Mrs. Joel Kincard after the meeting at the Hall.

A number of changes were made in town during the past week, several families leaving town entirely. Mr. Clarence Holland and family moving to Philadelphia. Mr. Walter Blansfield and family to Wilmington and Mrs. Egan to Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Griffith, and Miss Sallie Barwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Barwick, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Only the immediate families were present. The bride received a number of beautiful and useful presents. Their future home will be in Morrisville, Pa., where the groom is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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